

**PROPOSED COUNCIL STUDY ISSUE**

**For Calendar Year:** 2004

**Continuing**

**New      X**

**Previous Year (below line/defer)**

**Issue:**     Bicycle Rider Skills Awareness Education for Public Safety Officers

**Lead Department:**     Public Safety

**General Plan Element or Sub-Element:** Land Use and Transportation

**1.     What are the key elements of the issue? What precipitated it?**

This item was presented to Council at the Council Study Issues Workshop in December 2002 and Council voted to drop it.

The Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee believes that Public Safety Officers are not properly trained in knowledge of bicycle street skills. It is the opinion of the committee that Public Safety patrol officers should be trained in the safe manner in which bicyclists should ride on the roadway and share the road with vehicles. The study issue would develop a number of policies and requirements for public safety officer training regarding safe bicycling practices.

BPAC estimated that there would need to be 700 training hours for Public Safety Officers if this training program was implemented.

**2.     How does this relate to the General Plan or existing City Policy?**

Goal BP.C, City of Sunnyvale Bike Plan – Make provisions for education about the rights and responsibilities of cyclists and motorists.

Goal BPC1.c, City of Sunnyvale Bike Plan – Provide bicycle education and training necessary for Public Safety Officers.

**3.     Origin of issue:**

**Councilmember:** \_\_\_\_\_

**General Plan:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Staff:** \_\_\_\_\_

**BOARD or COMMISSION**

Arts		Housing & Human Svcs
Bldg. Code of Appeals		Library
BPAC	X	Parks & Rec.
CCAB		Personnel
Heritage & Preservation		Planning

Board / Commission Ranking/Comment:

BPAC Board / Commission ranked 5 of 14

4. Due date for Continuing issues (if known): \_\_\_\_\_
5. Multiple Year Project? No Expected Year of Completion \_\_\_\_\_
6. Estimated work hours for completion of the study issue.
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| (a) Estimated work hours from the lead department          | <u>40</u>  |
| (b) Estimated work hours from consultant(s):               | <u>100</u> |
| (c) Estimated work hours from the City Attorney's Office:  | _____      |
| (d) List any other department(s) and number of work hours: |            |
| Department(s): <u>Public Works</u>                         | <u>40</u>  |
| Total Estimated Hours:                                     | <u>180</u> |
7. Expected participation involved in the study issue process?
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| (a) Does Council need to approve a work plan?             | No  |
| (b) Does this issue require review by a Board/Commission? | Yes |
| If so, which Board/Commission? <u>BPAC</u>                |     |
| (c) Is a Council Study Session anticipated?               | No  |
| (d) What is the public participation process?             |     |
| BPAC meetings   |     |

**8. Estimated Fiscal Impact:**

<b>Cost of Study</b>	<b>\$</b> 4,000
<b>Capital Budget Costs</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>New Annual Operating Costs</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>New Revenues or Savings</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>10 Year RAP Total</b>	<b>\$</b>

The consultant hours and cost of study was estimated by BPAC.

**9. Staff Recommendation**

☐ Recommended for Study  
☒ Against Study  
☐ No Recommendation

**Explain below staff's recommendation if "for" or "against" study. Department director should also note the relative importance of this study to other major projects that the department is currently working on or that are soon to begin, and the impact on existing services/priorities.**

The Public Safety Department has a limited number of hours available to provide training to officers on all skills and subjects. Almost all of the training hours are used for mandated training (e.g. driving skills, firearms, defensive tactics, domestic violence update, CPR, First Aid, EMT). Any additional training topics such as this item would need to be done on overtime for officers at significant additional cost.

Public Safety attends BPAC meetings to discuss bicycle issues, including appropriate bicycle related training/awareness for Public Safety Officers. In cooperation with the BPAC staff has worked this year to develop a packet of three bicycle information brochures that will be used for public education and education for officers. Two of the brochures are complete – one from CHP and one created by the DPS Traffic Safety Unit. When we receive the third brochure, created by BPAC, the packets will be complete and distributed. Staff believes this packet provides appropriate training information for officers and does not believe this item is needed.

***Reviewed by***

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***Department Director***

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***Date***

***Approved by***

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***City Manager***

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***Date***